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ABSTRACT

Security Module with Volatile Memory for Storing an Algorithm Code

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A security module for use with a terminal comprises a data interface adapted to be coupled to a terminal, for receiving at least part of an algorithm code or the complete algorithm code from the terminal, as well as an energy interface for receiving supply energy. A volatile memory coupled to the energy interface in order to have energy supplied thereto stores the part of the algorithm code or the complete algorithm code received via the data interface, with a processor performing the algorithm code in order to obtain an algorithm code result that can be delivered to the terminal. Due to the storing of at least part of an algorithm code in the volatile memory of the security module, according to the invention, the algorithm code of the security module is effectively protected against spying out by a potential attacker.

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Fig. 2